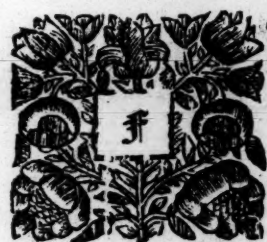




By the King. (44.)
A PROCLAMATION
For a Generall Fast.

CHARLES R.



Of the imploring a Blessing from Almighty God upon his Majesty and all his Dominions, and for the averting of those Judgments which our manifold sins and provocations have most justly deserved; The Kings most Excellent Majesty hath thought fit, and doth hereby Command, That a General Fast, and day of solemn Humiliation be kept and observed throughout this his Majesties Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And to the intent the same may be performed with all Decency and Order, his Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare to all his loving Subjects, and doth strictly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday being the Tenth day of April next, this Fast shall be religiously observed and kept within the Cities of London and Westminster, and other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality; Wherein his Majesty in his Royal Person, and with his Royal Family and Household will give Example to the rest of his People; and that on Wednesday the Four and twentieth day of the said Month of April, the like be observed and kept throughout the rest of this his Majesties Kingdom of England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And his Majesty doth most strictly Charge and Command all his loving Subjects, That they do with all Christian Reverence observe and perform the same, according to the Directions that shall be given in a Form of Prayer to be by Our Order and Command Published and dispersed for that purpose, as they tender the Honour of Almighty God, and would avoid his just Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon Pain of receiving such punishment as his Majesty may justly inflict upon such as shall contemn or neglect so Religious and necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Thirtieth day of *March* 1678. In the Thirtieth year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

L O N D O N.

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